

## **2010-121 AUDIT SCOPE AND OBJECTIVES—Department of Social Services (Social Services, Foster Family Home and Small Family Home Insurance Fund (insurance fund))**

The audit by the Bureau of State Audits will provide independently developed and verified information related to the insurance fund, and would include, but not be limited to, the following:

1. Review and evaluate the laws, rules, and regulations significant to the audit objectives.
2. For the past five years, identify the source(s) and amount of funds appropriated to the insurance fund and determine the amount and disposition of any unused funds.
3. Review and assess the processes and practices for administering, adjusting, and paying claims from the insurance fund. Determine whether claims are processed and settled in a timely and reasonable manner.
4. To the extent practical, for the past five years provide the following information from the insurance fund:
  - Number of claims filed and paid.
  - Types of claims.
  - Amounts paid.
  - County where the claim was originated.
5. Determine what impact foster care families' private insurance have on the insurance fund. Determine whether foster care families that receive payouts from private insurance also receive payouts from the insurance fund, and if so, up to what dollar limit, if any.
6. Determine how claims, similar to those currently covered by the insurance fund, are handled and settled for Foster Family Agencies (FFAs) and the Kinship Guardianship Assistance Payment (Kin-GAP) families.
7. To the extent practical, assess the feasibility of having the insurance fund cover FFAs and Kin-GAP families. Identify changes that would be needed for the insurance fund to cover FFAs and Kin-GAP families.